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1. French plans concerning possible abandonment of Nanking--
According to US Ambassador Caffery in Paris, the French Foreign Office now holds the tentative view that the French Ambassador at Nanking should remain with the Chiang Kai-shek Government if it retreats from Nanking to South or Southwest China. The French Foreign Office reportedly believes that it would be proper for French diplomatic representatives to stay with Chiang as long as his Government carries on the fight in continental China. The Foreign Office is undecided what to do following a Nationalist withdrawal to Taiwan (Formosa), a move which the French would regard as equivalent to "throwing in the sponge."

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